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INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
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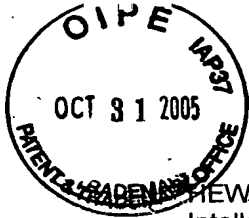
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 1, 11 and 12 are amended.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.